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DISASTER ASSISTANCE BRIEFINGS SET FOR OFFICIALS AFTER HURRICANE IRENE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to Delaware to help state, municipal and private non-profit agencies recover costs incurred for emergency protective measures for Hurricane Irene. Briefings are scheduled in New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties for potential applicants for Federal Public Assistance. Potential applicants may attend a briefing in any of the locations, regardless of location of office or agency. The dates and locations are as follows:

New Castle County

- **2 PM, Monday, September 19**
Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building
3601 North DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720
- **6 PM, Monday, September 19**
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Kent County

- **2 PM, Wednesday, September 21**
Kent County Administration Building
Levy Court Chambers
555 Bay Road
Dover, DE 19901
- **6 PM, Wednesday, September 21**
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Dover, DE 19901

Sussex County

- **2 PM, Thursday, September 22**
University of Delaware, Elbert N. & Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center
Meeting Rooms #1 and #2
16483 County Seat Hwy
Georgetown, DE 19947
- **6 PM, Thursday, September 22**
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These applicant's briefings are intended for state and local government agencies and private non-profit organizations that experienced overtime and equipment usage responding to Hurricane Irene.

Individual property owners and private businesses are not eligible for Federal Public Assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) share of potential disaster assistance for eligible and approved Delaware applicants is 75 percent of the eligible cost incurred.

FEMA Public Assistance funding is awarded to help pay for approved and validated emergency protective measures such as overtime, provision of shelters and emergency mass care, provisions of emergency medical care, sandbagging, emergency repairs and removal of threats to public safety.

To be eligible for PA, project costs must exceed \$1,000, the work must be required as a result of the declared disaster, it must be located within the designated disaster area, and must be the responsibility of the applicant. Also, insurance must be deducted and assistance cannot be available from any other federal agency.

Examples of eligible private nonprofit facilities include some public utilities, custodial care and medical organizations, and educational institutions. Eligible nonprofits must hold current federal tax-exempt status and possess a DUNS number.

For information, call Delaware Emergency Management Agency, 302-659-3362.

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